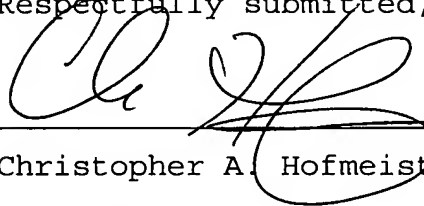


elects group I as outlined in paragraph 1 Office Action and Species VI corresponding to Figure 11A as outlined in paragraph 4 of the Office Action. Claims readable thereon include claims 1, 2, 7 through 12, 14, 15, 17 through 22, 24, 39, 40, 42 through 45 and 47. Claims 1, 2, 7 through 12, 14, 15, 17 through 22, 24, 39, 40, 42 through 45 and 47 are now pending in the application.

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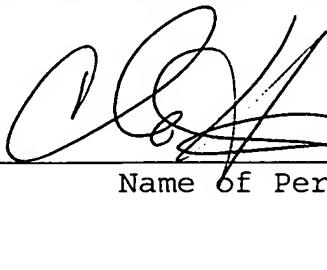
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